GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1052
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CONDITION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Highways passing through Orissa;

(b) whether the Government is aware that some of them are damaged and require immediate attention;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the funds required therefor and the allocation made by the Government during the last three years; and

(e) the time by which all the damaged National Highways are likely to be reconstructed or upgraded?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) There are 16 National Highways with Nos. 5, 5A, 6, 23, 42, 43, 60, 75 (Extn), 200, 201, 203, 203 (Extn), 203A, 215, 217 & 224 in the State of Orissa having a total length of 3603 km. This includes about 403 km of highways which have been declared as National Highways with Nos. 75 (Extn.), 203 (Extn), 203A & 224 in February 2004 but are yet to be handed over to National Highways.

(b) & (c) National Highways are maintained in traffic worthy condition as per available funds. Roads declared as National Highways in Orissa after 1997 particularly NH Nos. 200, 201, 215 & 217 have inadequate pavement thickness and width and require frequent maintenance.

(d) During the last three years fund allotted for development and maintenance of National Highways in Orissa was as follows:

Year	Allocation (Rs. crores)	
	Development Works	Maintenance & Repair Works
2001-2002	60.00	48.88
2002-2003	44.00	42.37
2003-2004	68.00	42.57

Maintenance funds are about 40% of the requirement and funds for development works matches with sanctions.

(e) Development and maintenance of National Highways including their upgradation is a continuous process.